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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2002, which was made final.

1. Allowability of Claims 31-94.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that Claims 31-94 are allowable over the prior art of record herein, and the Examiner's diligence to advance prosecution of this application.

2. Terminal Disclaimer.

The Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's request for a Terminal Disclaimer based on copending application serial number 09/849,096 which was inadvertently omitted from the Applicant's prior response. A Terminal Disclaimer and associated fee

are enclosed herewith.

3. Related Cases.

To assist the Examiner with advancing this application to issue, as well as related copending applications, and in response to the Examiner's request, the Applicant is providing herewith copies of all claims presently pending in each of the related copending applications. Claims for the following applications are enclosed herewith:

- (a) S/N 09/766,529 (filed 01/19/01)
- (b) S/N 09/849,096 (filed 05/04/01)
- (c) S/N 09/928,237 (filed 08/10/01)

In addition, the Applicant calls to the attention of the Examiner, the following related issued U.S. patents:

- (a) U.S. No. 6,097,859 (issued 08/01/00)
- (b) U.S. No. 6,289,145 (issued 09/11/01)
- (c) U.S. No. 6,327,398 (issued 12/04/01)
- (d) U.S. No. 6,374,008 (issued 04/16/02)

4. Conclusion.

In view of the foregoing, each of the presently pending claims is in a condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney in the event of any question regarding this response.

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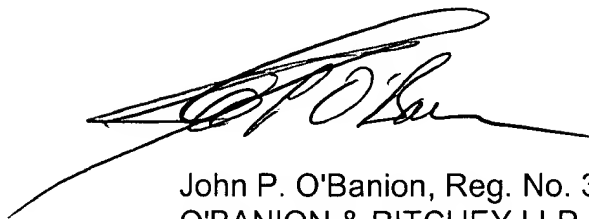
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Respectfully submitted,

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